



**Proposal for Destination Theatre's Become a Playwright and Destination
Broadway Performance Camp at Charlie's Guys
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Executive Summary

Destination Theatre proposes collaborative, therapeutic summer camp experiences designed specifically for the children served by Charlie's Guys. This program integrates immersive theatre and playwriting experiences to help children process life's significant challenges, build community, and reclaim their voices and stories.

With a shared commitment to supporting children, we believe our organizations can create a transformative space where performance and healing intersect.

About Destination Theatre

Destination Theatre is a non-profit arts organization based in Atlanta, GA, specializing in youth-focused programming that combines artistic expression with emotional development. Our award-winning education team has developed a unique Theatre & Healing curriculum grounded in creative storytelling, narrative therapy, and trauma-informed care. We believe every child has a story—and the right to tell it in their own way.

About Charlie's Guys

We understand Charlie's Guys is deeply committed to honoring the lives of children's loved ones through acts of kindness and grief support. Your tailored grief packages and individualized programming speak to your care, empathy, and understanding of the unique ways children process loss.

We're inspired by your work—and see a natural alignment between our missions.

Program Proposal: Become a Playwright Camp & Destination Broadway

Overview:

Theatre & Therapy Camp is a one-week (or customizable length) immersive camp where children ages 8–17, served by Charlie's Guys, engage in guided playwriting, acting, and improv classes. The goal: to process and articulate their own narratives in a safe, supportive, and empowering environment.

Core Elements:

1. **General Framework (Grief-Informed & Trauma-Sensitive)**
 - Individual check-ins
 - Incorporation of Charlie's Guys' therapeutic recommendations and resources
 - Use of narrative storytelling tools (e.g., elements of a story, script-writing, improv and theatre games/exercises, etc)
 2. **Theatre & Playwriting Tracks**
 - *Creative Writing*: Guided journaling and playwriting based on campers' emotions, memories, and dreams
 - *Acting & Performance*: Role-play, improvisation, and storytelling games to help kids safely explore grief and identity
 - *Production*: Collaborative creation of short plays or monologues to be performed in a final showcase (optional participation based on comfort)
 3. **Integration of Charlie's Guys' Mission**
 - Workshops on "kindness as legacy" to help kids connect their loved one's memory to acts of creativity and compassion
 - Opportunities for campers to dedicate their plays to the person they lost, with optional visual tributes or dedications
 4. **Post-Camp Follow-Up**
 - Digital copies of each camper's script (if desired)
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Outcomes & Impact

We aim to support the mental, emotional, and social well-being of grieving children by:

- Providing a creative outlet for expressing grief in a non-verbal and symbolic way
 - Helping children feel seen, heard, and not alone in their experiences
 - Fostering resilience through creativity, collaboration, and connection
 - Supporting Charlie's Guys' treatment goals with therapeutic alignment
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Sample Daily Schedule

Time	Activity
9:00 AM	Morning Circle & Check-In
10:00 AM	Playwriting Workshop
12:30 PM	Lunch + Free Play
1:30 PM	Acting & Improvisation Workshop
3:30 PM	Wrap-Up + Check-Out / Reflection Journals

Camp can be customized to age groups and individual therapeutic needs.

Partnership Needs & Opportunities

We invite Charlie's Guys to collaborate with us by:

- Helping identify and recruit participating children/families
 - Providing insight into the unique therapeutic needs of your community
 - Co-designing elements of the camp (themes, rituals, activities)
 - Exploring funding models (joint grant applications, sponsorships, or donor engagement)
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Next Steps